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MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING

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OF THE

USCIB ELINT COMMITTEE

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STATE:

Mr. Richard E. Curl (for

Mr. Robert F. Packard)

NSA:

CIA:

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ARMY:

Mr. Grady C. Frank

NAVY:

CDR Frederick W. Hitz (for LCDR Donald S. Lindberg)

AIR FORCE:

Lt Col Louis J. Anderson

SECRETARIAT:

Mr. Philip G. Merta, Technical

Consultant

Mrs. Joyce E. Lizak Miss V. Daphne Owens

ALSO PRESENT:

CIA:

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ARMY:

Lt Col Dale E. Morgan Maj Max D. McLaughlin Mr. Richard Battey Miss Audrey Ross

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AIR FORCE:

Captain James B. Grady, USN Mr. John Libbert

The Third Meeting of the United States Communications Intelligence Board ELINT Committee was held at 1000 hrs., 19 May 1958, in the Pentagon, Room 2E687.

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ELCOM: 9.4/6 Item 1 on the Agenda for the Third Meeting of USCIBELCOM, 19 June 1958.

National ELINT Objectives, Revision of (U) Subject:

The Committee used as a basis for the consideration of the ELINT Objectives the Inclosure to ELCOM 9.4/4, 3 June 1958, which set forth the original ELINT Objectives and the various submitted views concerning same. During the course of the discussion, the NSA member proposed an addition to the definition of ELINT, as follows:

"A communications emission is one in which electro-magnetic energy is emitted from a foreign energy source primarily to convey information. On the other hand a non-communications emission is one in which electro-magnetic energy emitted from a foreign energy source without such intent."

After discussion, it appeared that the proposed addition was susceptible of misinterpretation to the same extent as is the present definition of ELINT and further that for the purpose of the Objectives paper nothing materially would be gained in attempting to resolve or clarify definitions. It is pointed out that different interpretations concerning specific signals emitted by types of emitters could more appropriately be dealt with in a statement of specific collection requirements. As a result, the NSA member withdrew his proposal. The Committee then considered word-by-word the Objectives in light of the various suggestions for revision and agreed upon a single version.

DECISION:

USCIBELCOM tentatively agreed to a revised version of ELINT Objectives (circulated as ELCOM 9.4/5, 19 June) which would be reviewed by Members on a no-objection basis with a suspense of 3 July 1958.

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Item 2 on the Agenda for the Third Meeting

of USCIBELCOM, 19 June 1958.

It was suggested by the CIA Member that

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USCIB deliberation upon the ELINT Task Force Report might provide some bearing upon this matter and proposed consideration at a subsequent meeting.

DECISION:

ELCOM agreed to consider the suggested reporting format in light of USCIB guidance at the next Meeting of the Committee.

ELCOM: 29./1

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ELCOM: 5./2

Item A not on the Agenda for the Third

Meeting of USCIBELCOM, 19 June 1958.

Subject:

Technical Consultant to USCIBELCOM

a. The Chairman announced the approval of USCIB to the nomination of Technical Consultant to the Chairman, USCIBELCOM, and indicated that was physically located in the office of the ELINT Coordinating Group (AFCIN-Z), Room 5C1037, Pentagon (Ext. 56200).

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ELCOM: 4./3

Item B not on the Agenda for the Third

Meeting of USCIBELCOM, 19 June 1958.

Subject:

AEC/Joint Staff Participation in ELCOM

a. The Committee discussed the desirability of AEC and the Joint Staff participation in Committee matters, particularly in light of the previous action of USCIBEC in this connection. It was pointed out that AEC had a live and active interest in and had participated during the development of the first Agenda item of this Meeting. No objection was raised to participation by these two bodies insofar as they had interest in the proceedings of the Committee.

DECISION:

ELCOM agreed that AEC and Joint Staff participation in Committee matters was appropriate and that the Chairman would so advise the Executive Secretary.

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